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SUBJECT: POST LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAM

1. EMBASSY URGENTLY REQUESTS THAT IT BE ENABLED TO MAINTAIN A MEANINGFUL LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE FIRST QUARTER OF FY 1975.

2. AS NOTED IN STOCKHOLM'S 3561, THE EMBASSY DID NOT HAVE LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF FY 1974, SINCE WE WERE WITHOUT A LANGUAGE INSTRUCTOR FOR ALL BUT TWO WEEKS OF THIS PERIOD. TO KEEP FY 1975 FIRST QUARTER EXPENSES AT A LEVEL NOT IN EXCESS OF FY 1974 FOR THE SAME PERIOD (AS INSTRUCTED IN STATE 166659) IS UNREASONABLE AND CONFLICTS WITH MINIMUM GOALS OF THE LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAM.

3. WITH THE RESUMPTIONS OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT THE AMBASSADORIAL IN MAY 1974, A NUMBER OF NON-SWEDISH SPEAKING KEY OFFICERS ARRIVED AT THE EMBASSY AND BEGAN LANGUAGE TRAINING IN EARLY JULY. THESE OFFICERS ARE REACHING THE INITIAL LEVEL OF LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY WHERE REINFORCING THE LANGUAGE IS ESSENTIAL. WHILE THE POST HAS BEEN ADVISED TO "CURTAIL" ITS PROGRAM, IN FACT IT WOULD HAVE TO BE TERMINATED NOW FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FIRST QUARTER.

4. WE ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION CONCEPT WHICH AUTHORIZES ON GOING EXPENSES AND ANNUALIZATION. WE DO NOT SEEK TO VIOLATE THE RESOLUTION LITERALLY OR IN SPIRIT, AND HAVE ALREADY AGREED (REF. STOCKHOLM TELEGRAM 3561) TO HOLD FY 1975
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FULL YEAR EXPENDITURES AT OUR FY 1974 LEVEL UNLESS AUTHORIZED

TO EXCEED
THIS LEVEL LATER THIS FISCAL YEAR. EMBASSY IS ALSO
WILLING TO MAINTAIN ITS FY 1975 JULY -SEPTEMBER LANGUAGE TRAIN-
ING EXPENDITURES AT ONE-QUARTER OF ITS TOTAL FY 1974 LEVEL.
IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT IF FUTURE FISCAL YEARS FOLLOW THE
PATTERN OF THE PAST YEARS, AND FSI DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE
EMBASSY TO CONTINUE ITS TRAINING THROUGHOUT THE JULY-SEPTEMBER
1974 PERIOD AND THEREBY ESTABLISH A REALISTIC LEVEL FOR THE
FIRST QUARTER OF FY 1975, THE EMBASSY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE
A MEANINGFUL LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAM IN FUTURE FISCAL YEARS
BECAUSE OF THE SAME ARBITRARY LIMITATION WE ARE FACED WITH NOW.

5. EMBASSY URGES FSI TO RECONSIDER ITS JACISION AND AUTHORIZE
STOCKHOLM TO PRECEDE WITH AN APPROPRIATE LANAGUAGE TRAINING
PROGRAM FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF FY 1975 NOT TO EXCEED
ONE-FOURTH OF THE FY 1974 EXPENDITURE LEVEL.
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